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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A fiber optic installation structure comprising:

a duct, comprising an inner tube and a jacket, the jacket generally surrounding the inner tube, wherein the jacket is formed from a material that is compressible, so that when the duct is disposed within a channel defined by a paved surface a friction fit is created between the duct and the channel over a portion of a duct length;

at least one optical waveguide disposed within at least a portion of the inner tube of the duct; and

a filling material overlying the duct and at least partially filling the channel.

- 2. (original) The fiber optic installation structure of claim 1, the jacket being a foamed material adapted for being compressed by when inserted into the channel, wherein a major dimension of the jacket is compressed by about five percent or more when inserted into the channel.
- 3. (original) The fiber optic installation structure of claim 1, the duct further comprising an armor layer, the armor layer being generally disposed between the inner tube and the jacket.
- 4. (original) The fiber optic installation structure of claim 3, the armor layer being formed from a helically wrapped interlocking armor tape.
- 5. (original) The fiber optic installation structure of claim 3, the armor layer being formed from a longitudinally wrapped armor tape.
- 6. (original) The fiber optic installation structure of claim

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